

Conseil

Cinquante-quatrième session ordinaire
Genève, 30 octobre 2020

C/54/INF/2**Comité administratif et juridique**

Soixante-dix-septième session
Genève, 28 octobre 2020

CAJ/77/INF/2**Comité technique**

Cinquante-sixième session
Genève, 26 et 27 octobre 2020

TC/56/INF/8**Original** : anglais**Date** : 9 octobre 2020

RAPPORT DU SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL ADJOINT SUR LES FAITS NOUVEAUX INTERVENUS À L'UPOV

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1. L'annexe du présent document contient une copie de l'exposé "Rapport sur les faits nouveaux intervenus à l'UPOV" présenté par le Secrétaire général adjoint, en vidéo, pour la cinquante-quatrième session ordinaire du Conseil, la soixante-dix-septième session du Comité administratif et juridique (CAJ) et la cinquante-sixième session du Comité technique (TC).
2. La vidéo préenregistrée de l'exposé en anglais, avec des sous-titres en français, allemand, anglais et espagnol est disponible sur les pages Web [C/54](#), [CAJ/77](#) et [TC/56](#).

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DEVELOPMENTS IN UPOV

Peter Button
Vice Secretary-General, UPOV

October 1, 2020

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International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

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 - Towards a better, new “normal”

COVID-19 pandemic measures

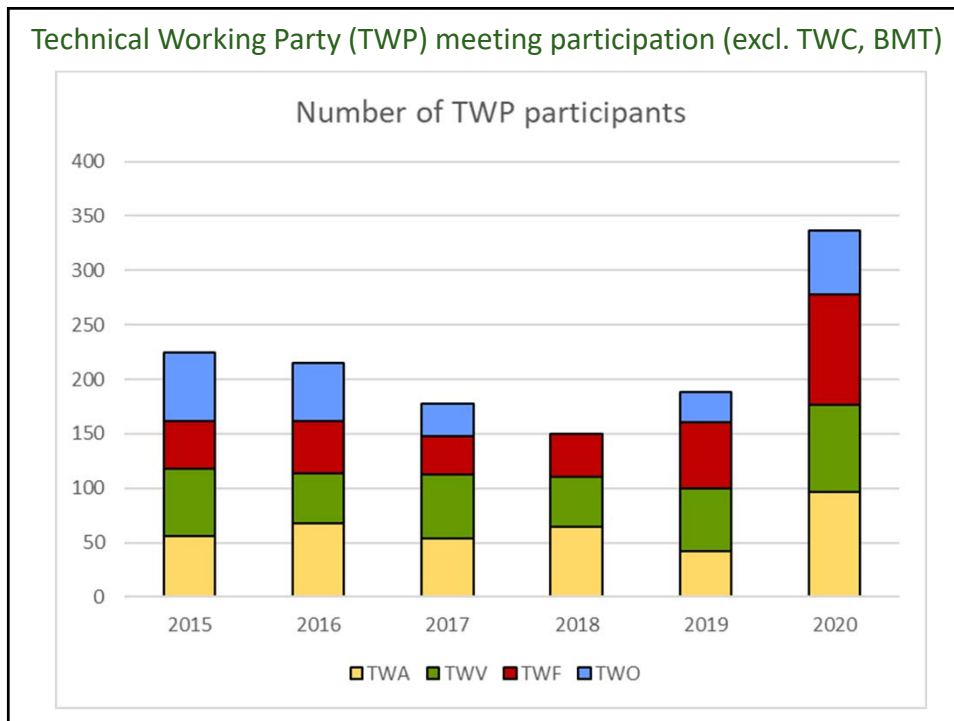
- March 17, 2020
 - UPOV premises closed except for essential personnel
 - Remote working (excellent WIPO IT support)
 - Official travel cancelled
- June 2 – Sep. 30, 2020
 - No official travel outside Switzerland
 - Phased return by all UPOV staff (except vulnerable staff)
 - Social distancing in office
 - Remote working option for up to 3 days/week

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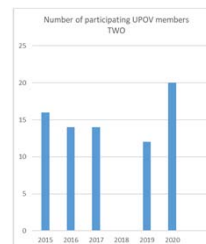
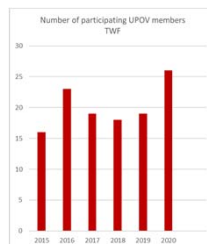
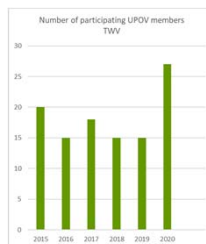
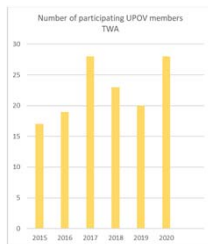
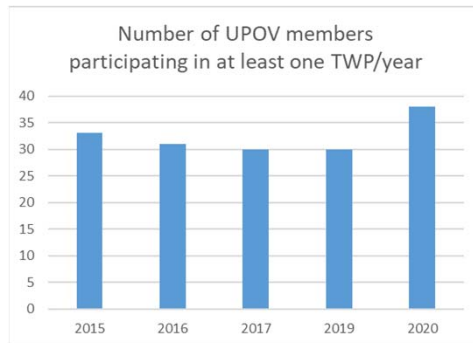
- UPOV meetings since March 17, 2020
- Virtual meetings as planned
 - Enlarged Editorial Committee (March 24)
 - Fifteenth Meeting on the Development of an Electronic Application Form (EAF/15) (March 26)
- Technical Working Parties
 - agreed by TWP Chairpersons, after consultation with the TWP hosts and the TC Chairperson, to hold the TWP sessions by electronic means

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Date	TWP	Hosted by
May 11 to 15	Fifty-fourth session of the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWW/54)	Brazil
June 8 to 12	Fifty-second session of the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO/52)	Netherlands
June 22 to 26	Forty-ninth session of the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA/49)	Canada
July 6 to 10	Fifty-first session of the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF/51)	France
Sep. 21 to 23	Thirty-eighth session of the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC/38)	United States of America
Sep. 23 to 25	Nineteenth session of the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT/19)	United States of America



Technical Working Party (TWP) meeting participation: Number of members of the Union



Virtual Technical Working Party (TWP) meetings: satisfaction



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UPOV Sessions in October 2020 to be held in the form of **virtual meetings**, in combination with **prior consideration of documents by correspondence**:

- **Technical Committee:** Fifty-Sixth Session (TC/56), to be held on October 26 and 27
- **Administrative and Legal Committee:** Seventy-Seventh Session (CAJ/77), to be held on October 28
- **Consultative Committee:** Ninety-Seventh Session (CC/97), to be held on October 29
- **Council:** Fifty-Fourth Ordinary Session (C/54), to be held on October 30

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The screenshot shows the UPOV website's 'COVID-19 measures for breeders' page. The page features a navigation menu with 'ABOUT UPOV', 'MEMBERSHIP', 'UPOV SYSTEM', 'PVP DATA & STATISTICS', 'MEETINGS', and 'NEWS'. The main content area includes a disclaimer, a section for 'INTERNATIONAL BREEDERS' ORGANIZATIONS' with a link to IOOPORA, and a section for 'UPOV MEMBERS' listing Australia, Canada, and China. A 'UPOV PRISMA' logo is also visible. A green callout box at the bottom of the screenshot contains the text: 'Special Session of UPOV DL-205 course during COVID-19 situation (May 4 to June 7, 2020) at a discounted rate for students under the Category 3 (breeders, IP managers, IP agents, lawyers, academics)'.

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Responding now

...and moving towards a new and better normal?

- UPOV virtual activities (meetings, webinars)
- Support virtual activities by partners
- Materials to support virtual activities (e.g. training videos)
- IT tools (online services, virtual communication tools)
- Redesigning meetings to make the most of virtual and physical participation (e.g. TWPs)
- Paperless/lesspaper office



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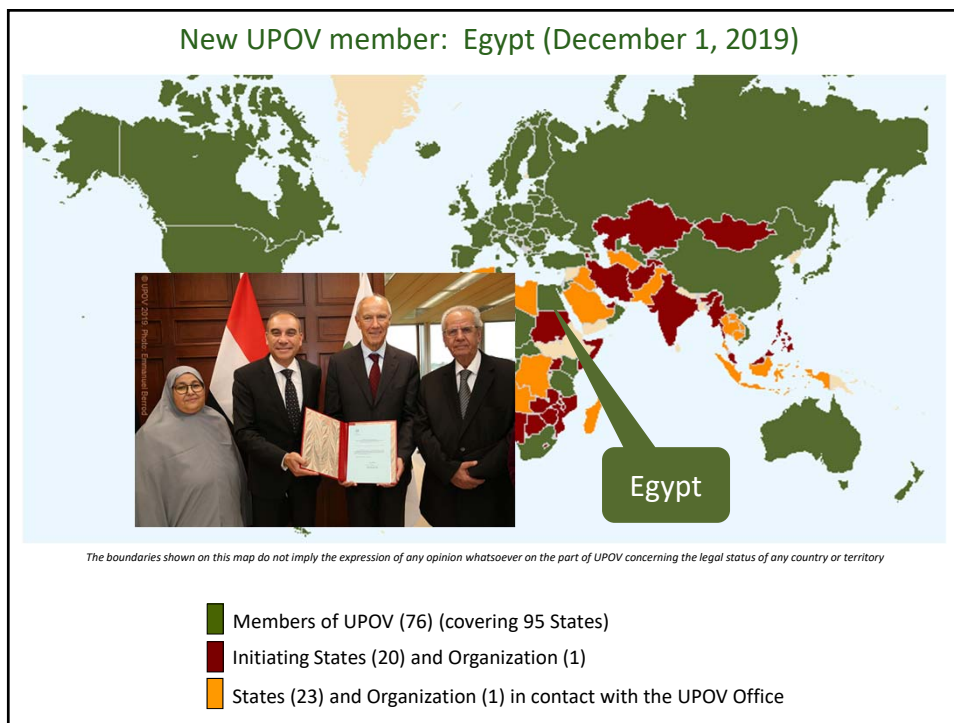
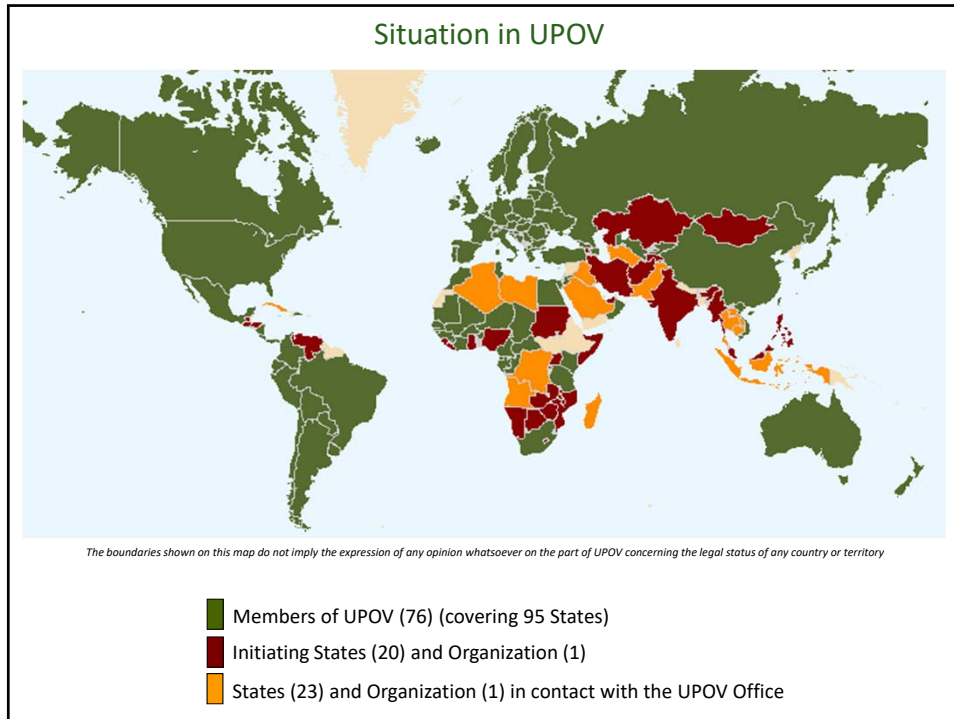
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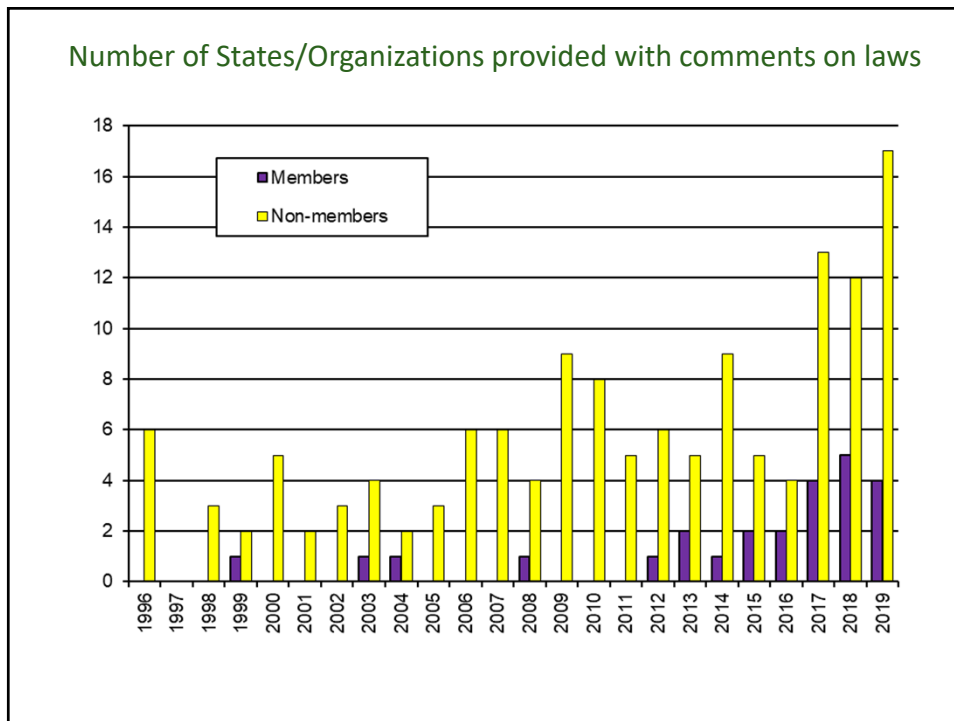
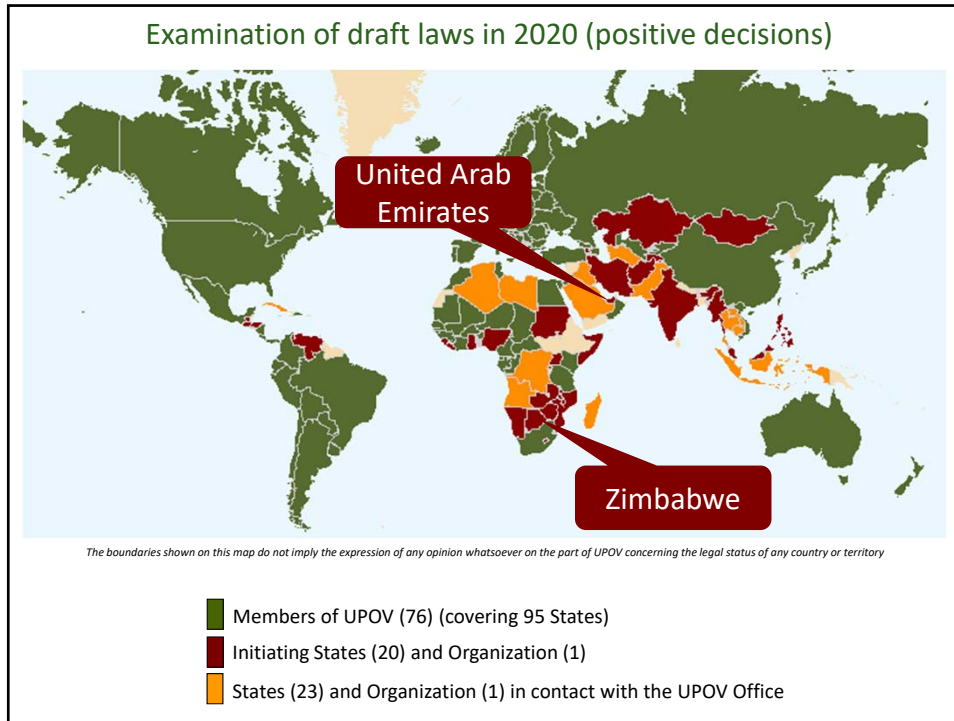
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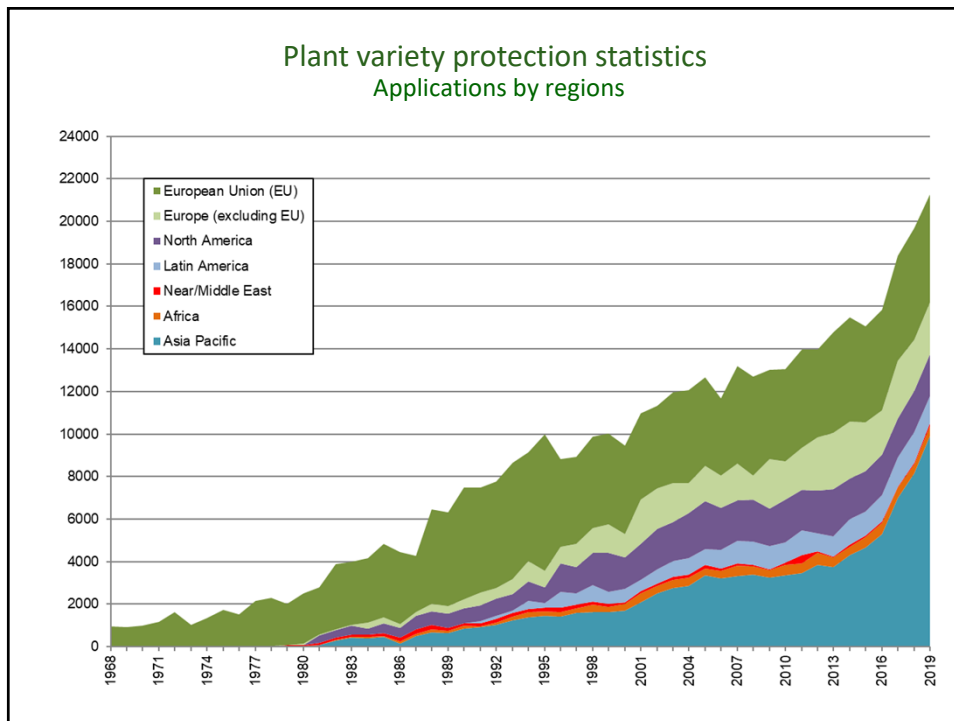
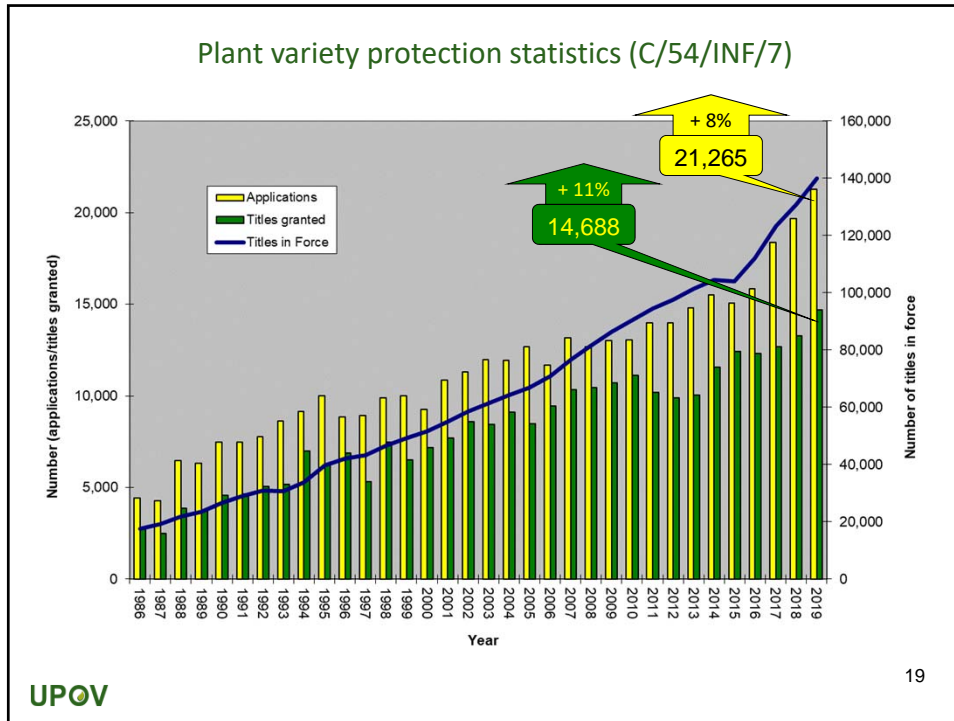
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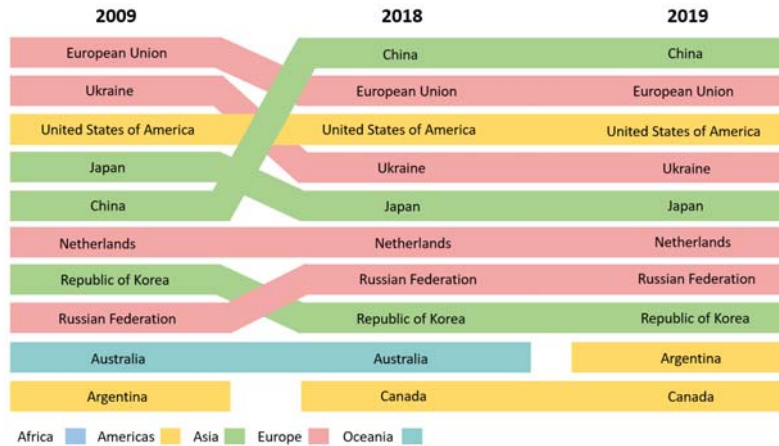






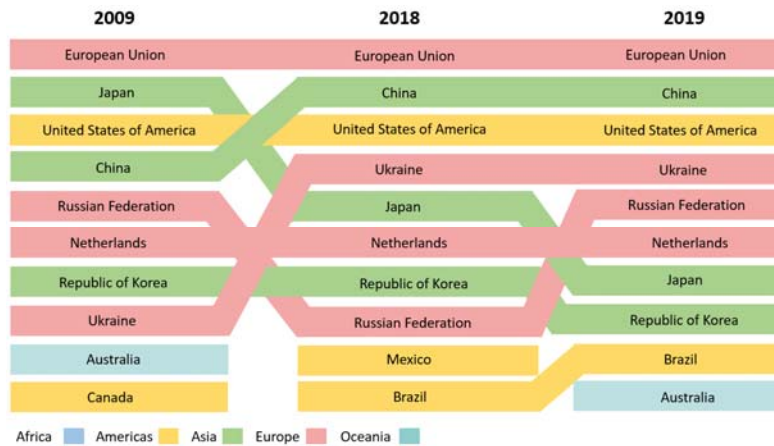
Plant variety protection statistics

Top 10: UPOV Members by number of Plant Variety Protection applications



Plant variety protection statistics

Top 10: UPOV Members by number of Plant Variety Protection titles



The screenshot shows the UPOV website's 'PVP DATA & STATISTICS' page. A yellow arrow points to the 'PVP DATA & STATISTICS' menu item in the top navigation bar. The page features a header with the UPOV logo, navigation tabs (ABOUT UPOV, MEMBERSHIP, UPOV SYSTEM, PVP DATA & STATISTICS, MEETINGS, NEWS), and a search bar. The main content area includes a sidebar with links to various databases and reports, a central image of red peppers, and a section titled 'Plant Variety Protection Data and Statistics' with 'Animated graphics' and a bar chart showing data for 2018. A 'Quick Links' section on the right provides access to the Impact Study PDF and the GENIE Database.

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Mr. Francis Gurry
UPOV Secretary-General
*October 30, 2008, to
September 30, 2020*



Mr. Daren Tang
Acting UPOV Secretary-General
from October 1, 2020



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Technical/Regional Officer (Asia)

*Thanks and farewell
to*
Tomochika Motomura



*Welcome
to*
Manabu Suzuki



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Fellow

*Thanks and farewell to
Wen Wen*



IT Support Officer
(temporary appointment)

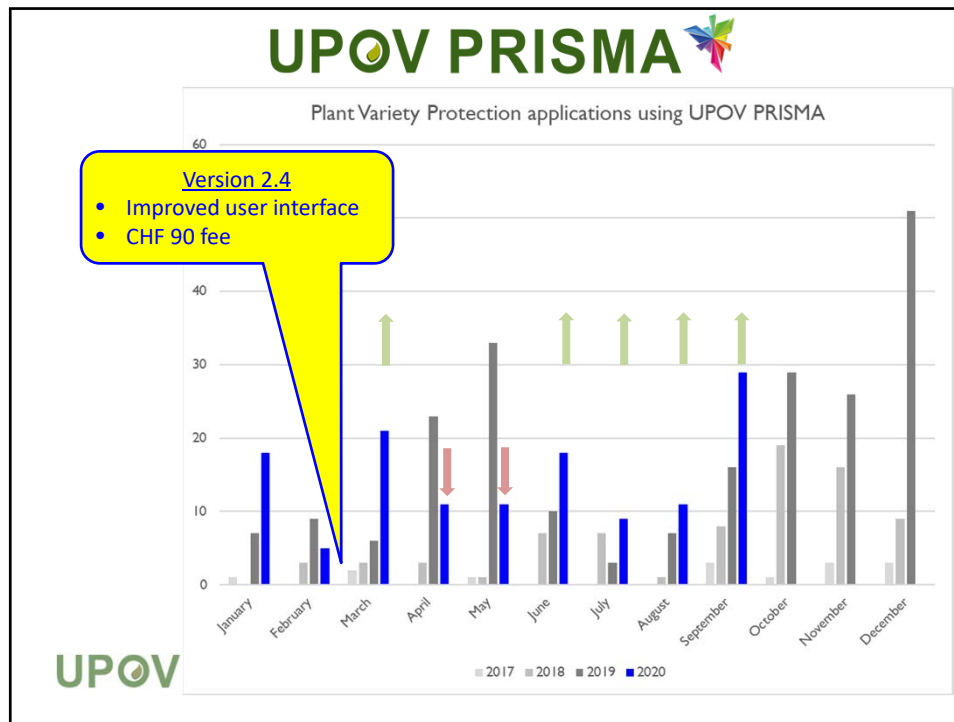
New colleague
to start
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The screenshot displays the UPOV PLUTO website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for ABOUT UPOV, MEMBERSHIP, UPOV SYSTEM, PVP DATA & STATISTICS, MEETINGS, and NEWS. Below the menu, the main heading reads "UPOV PLUTO". The page is divided into two columns of service options:

- PLUTO Free service:**
 - ✓ Search and display results
 - ✓ Save and Upload Search criteria
 - ✓ Print results
- PLUTO Premium service CHF 750 /year:**
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 - ✓ Save and Upload Search criteria
 - ✓ Print results
 - ✓ Unlimited data download
 - ✓ Alerts

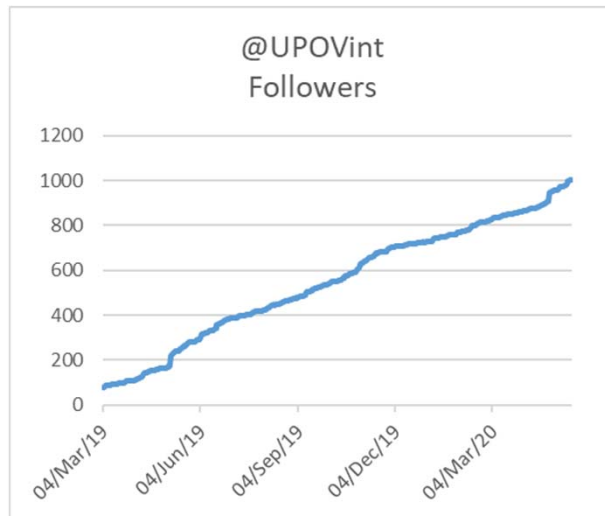
Free for UPOV members, data contributors and cases approved by UPOV members

At the bottom of the page, there is a link: "Click here to view an extract from the June 30 Webinar (recording/video)". A red arrow points to this link from the right side of the page.

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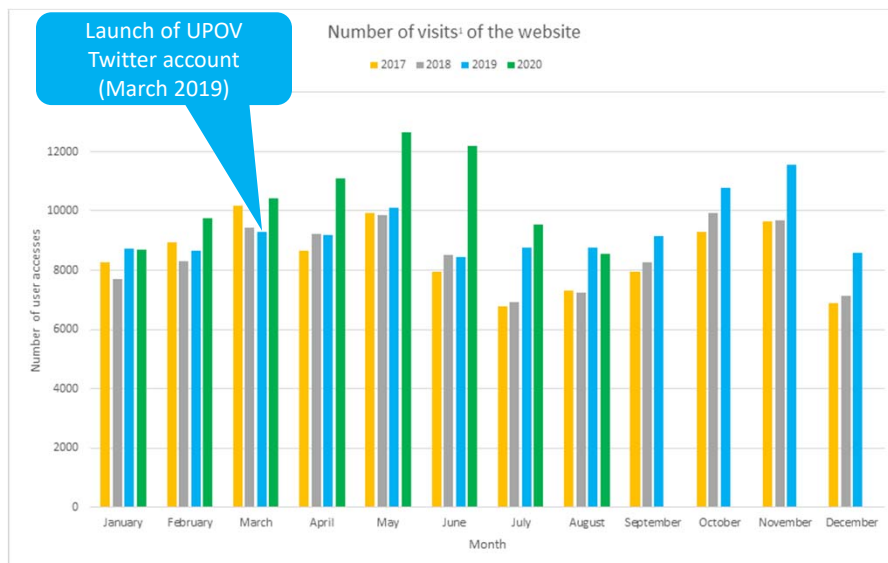
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